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Title: DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 1997, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 6, 1997, to February 6, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 57-62 without prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

1. [Once Amended] Data processing apparatus comprising:

input means for receiving recognition data [and corresponding audio data] from a speech recognition engine and corresponding audio data, said recognition data including a string of recognised [characters] words and audio identifiers identifying audio components corresponding to each [a character component of the] recognised word [characters];

storage means for storing said audio data received from said input means;

[processing] interface application program means comprising means for receiving [and processing] the input recognised words, means for placing the recognised words into positions in text in a processing application program means to allow the processing of the recognised words to change the positions of [characters to at least one of replace, insert move and position] the recognised [characters] words to form a processed [character] word string[:], means for